

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-24 were pending. Claims 1, 4-6, 13, 14, 16, 17, 21, and 24 are amended and claims 4 and 20 are canceled by way of this amendment to clarify the subject matter of the invention. All pending claims, as amended, are believed to be allowable over the references cited by the Examiner as discussed below. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance for the present application is respectfully requested.

### **Objections to the Drawings**

FIGS. 1 and 2 were objected to by the Examiner. In both FIGS. 1 and 2, a legend is added to indicate Prior Art. Accordingly, it is believed that the objections are overcome.

### **Objections to Claims 5 and 6**

Claims 5 and 6 were objected to by the Examiner. Claims 5 and 6 are amended to address the objections raised by the Examiner. Accordingly, it is believed that these claims no longer contain the informalities as objected to by the Examiner.

### **Independent Claim 1 and Claims Dependent Therefrom**

Independent claim 1 is amended to incorporate the element of now-canceled claim 4. As the Examiner indicated that claim 4 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, claim 1 as well as claims 2, 3, and 5-16 dependent therefrom are believed to be allowable.

### **Independent Claim 17 and Claims Dependent Therefrom**

Independent claim 17 is amended to incorporate the element of a digital subscriber line access multiplexer coupled between the derived voice over data termination device and the derived voice over data switch from now-canceled claim 20. This element is also similar to that which was added to independent claim 1. As the Examiner indicated that claim 20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, claim 17 as well as claims 18 and 19 dependent therefrom are believed to be allowable.

### **Independent Claim 21 and Claims Dependent Therefrom**

transmitting derived voice over data signals between the derived voice over data termination device and a voice gateway connected to a public switched telephone network via a

digital subscriber line access multiplexer coupled between the derived voice over data termination device and the voice gateway.

Independent claim 21 is amended to recite that the transmitting of derived voice over data signals between the termination device and the voice gateway connected to a PSTN (public switched telephone network) is via a DSL access multiplexer coupled to the termination device and the gateway. This element is also similar to those which was added to independent claims 1 and 17. Claim 21 as well as claims 22-24 dependent therefrom are thus believed to be allowable.

### **CONCLUSION**

Applicant believe that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully request a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter accompanying this document is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 and/or any other relief is required, Applicant hereby petitions for any required relief including Extensions of Time and/or any other relief and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 50-1217 (Order No. COVDP001).

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment: Two (2) Replacement Drawings Sheets Containing FIGS. 1 and 2.